

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): Method for separating and extracting cartilages of avian origin, characterized in that the cartilages are separated and extracted from ground poultry skeletons by a flow of edible liquid circulating in a separating vessel, comprising the steps of:

- a) grinding poultry skeletons until a mean particle size of about 1 centimeter or less is obtained, and
- b) separating and extracting said cartilages from said ground poultry skeletons by a flow of edible liquid circulating in a separating vessel.

Claim 2 (Original): Process according to claim 1, characterized in that the flow of edible liquid circulating in a separating vessel has an ascending vertical component.

Claim 3 (Original): Process according to claim 1, characterized in that the separating liquid is water or an edible brine.

Claims 4 – 6 (Cancelled)